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City of San Diego

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 16, 2004
TO: Mayor Dick Murphy
FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye
Councilmember Toni Atkins
Councilmember Scott Peters

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SUBJECT: City Auditor and Comptroller

According to Section 29 in the San Diego City Charter, "The City Auditor and Comptroller shall be elected by the Council for an indefinite term and shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified."

With the pending retirement of Ed Ryan, City Auditor and Comptroller, the duty to replace Mr. Ryan is the sole responsibility of the Mayor and Council.

We believe that this Mayor and Council should enact a nationwide search to attract the very best candidates. In the interim, we recommend that the Mayor and Council appoint Terri Webster, current Assistant Auditor and Comptroller to serve as interim City Auditor and Comptroller until such time as the Mayor and Council elect a permanent City Auditor and Comptroller.

The recruitment process should be open to both current City employees as well as outside candidates. The Mayor and City Council should consider hiring outside help to assist with the recruitment process. The Mayor and City Council should then adopt a set of recruitment guidelines to guide the hiring process.

With these recommendations in mind, we respectfully request that the Mayor place this issue on the City Council Docket as soon as possible for City Council discussion and possible action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to beginning the selection process of the Auditor and Comptroller.

Cc: Council Members
Mike Uberuaga, City Manager
Ed Ryan, City Auditor and Comptroller
Terri Webster, Assistant City Auditor and Comptroller